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CONSENSUS RESOLUTION EXTENDING WORKING GROUP ON DISAPPEAR-  
ANCES (ITEM 106)

REF: GENEVA 01905

1. SUMMARY: AT MORNING SESSION ON FEBRUARY 26, HUMAN  
RIGHTS COMMISSION ADOPTED FRENCH RESOLUTION ON DISAPPEAR-  
ANCES BY CONSENSUS. FRANCE ANNOUNCED BEFORE THE DECISION  
THAT CONSULTATIONS HAD RESULTED IN TWO ADDITIONAL CHANGES  
TO L.1552 REV.1. FRANCE ACCEPTED MINOR FLOOR AMENDMENTS  
BY PHILIPPINES AND ETHIOPIA. ARGENTINA ANNOUNCED IT  
WOULD JOIN CONSENSUS ON L.1552 AS AMENDED BUT WISHED TO  
RECORD OBJECTION TO ACCOMPANYING SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT  
L.1563 ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. USSR, US, ARGENTINA,  
CYPRUS, AND PERU MADE STATEMENTS AFTER CONSENSUS ADOPTION  
OF RESOLUTION. FINAL PARAGRAPH OF THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS  
FULL TEXT OF RESOLUTION AS ADOPTED. END SUMMARY.

2. AT MORNING SESSION ON FEBRUARY 26, FRANCE ANNOUNCED  
THAT CONSULTATIONS HAD LED TO TWO ADDITIONAL CHANGES IN  
TEXT OF L.1552 REV.1.

--FIFTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH WAS REVISED TO READ  
"CONSIDERING THE NEED TO OBSERVE UNITED NATIONS STANDARDS  
AND PRACTICES REGARDING THE RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS,  
THEIR TRANSMITTAL TO THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, AND THEIR  
EVALUATION"

-- IN FOURTH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH, THE PHRASE "INTER ALIA"  
HAS BEEN ADDED AFTER THE WORDS "SO AS". I.E., "SO AS,  
INTER ALIA, TO PROTECT PERSONS..."

3. FRANCE THEN ACCEPTED PHILIPPINES AMENDMENT TO REPLACE  
"DEPLORES" BY "NOTES" IN SECOND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH.

4. FRANCE THEN ACCEPTED TWO OF THREE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED  
BY ETHIOPIA. IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH FIVE, "AGAIN REQUESTS  
THE SECRETARY GENERAL" WAS CHANGED TO "RENEWS ITS REQUEST  
TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL...ETC." OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH  
SEVEN IS REPLACED BY WORDING IDENTICAL TO THAT IN OPERA-

TIVE PARAGRAPH 2 OF COMMISSION RESOLUTION 20 (XXVII) OF  
FEBRUARY, 1980. ETHIOPIA DID NOT PRESS ITS PROPOSED  
DELETION OF THE LAST CLAUSE OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH SIX  
("AND IF NECESSARY... SECRETARIAT'S WORK"), WHICH THUS  
REMAINS IN THE RESOLUTION

5. BEFORE FINAL ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION, ARGENTINA  
REGISTERED STRONG OBJECTION TO PARAGRAPH SEVEN OF THE  
SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (L.1563)  
CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY STAFF TO SERVICE THE  
WORKING GROUP. ARGENTINE DEL INITIALLY CONTENDED THAT  
ONLY WORKING GROUP MEMBERS SHOULD SCREEN AND ANALYZE  
INFORMATION, LATER MODIFYING THIS STAND TO INSIST THAT  
AT LEAST ONLY PERMANENT UN STAFF MEMBERS SHOULD BE  
ENTRUSTED WITH THIS TASK. IN RESPONSE, UNHRC DIRECTOR  
VAN BOVEN SAID SECRETARIAT'S PERMANENT PERSONNEL COMPLE-  
MENT IS INSUFFICIENT TO SERVICE LIMITED-TERM WORKING  
GROUPS AND AD HOC BODIES AND MUST RELY ON TEMPORARY  
ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, TEMPORARY STAFF ARE UNDER THE CLOSE  
AND CONTINUING SUPERVISION OF PERMANENT STAFF. HRC CHAIR-  
MAN AGREED TO INCLUDE ARGENTINE CONCERNS IN COMMISSION'S  
REPORT TO ECOSOC. ARGENTINE DEL SAID IT WOULD PURSUE THE  
MATTER AT ECOSOC AND THE GA.

6. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION AS ADOPTED:

BEGIN TEXT.

THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS,

BEARING IN MIND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 33/173  
OF 20 DECEMBER 1978, WHICH REQUESTED THE COMMISSION ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF DISAPPEARED  
PERSONS WITH A VIEW TO MAKING APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS,  
AND ALL OTHER UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING  
MISSING OR DISAPPEARED PERSONS,

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RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 20 (XXXVI), WHEREBY IT  
DECIDED TO ESTABLISH FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR A WORKING  
GROUP CONSISTING OF FIVE OF ITS MEMBERS, TO SERVE AS  
EXPERTS IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES, TO EXAMINE QUES-  
TIONS RELEVANT TO ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES  
OF PERSONS,

RECALLING RESOLUTION 35/193 IN WHICH THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY WELCOMED THAT DECISION,

RECALLING RESOLUTION 18 (XXXIII) OF THE SUB-COMMIS-  
SION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF  
MINORITIES,

CONSIDERING THE NEED TO OBSERVE UNITED NATIONS  
STANDARDS AND PRACTICES REGARDING THE RECEIPT OF COMMUNI-  
CATIONS, THEIR TRANSMITTAL TO THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED,  
AND THEIR EVALUATION,

TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP,

1. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION TO THE WORKING GROUP  
FOR THE WORK DONE AND TO THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE  
CO-OPERATED WITH IT;

2. NOTES THE FACT THAT THE WORKING GROUP HAS NOT  
ALWAYS OBTAINED FROM GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES THE FULL  
CO-OPERATION WHICH WOULD ENABLE IT TO ACHIEVE ITS STRICTLY  
HUMANITARIAN OBJECTIVES AND TO CARRY OUT ITS WORK WITH  
DISCRETION;

3. DECIDES TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR THE TERM OF THE  
WORKING GROUP'S MANDATE, AS LAID DOWN IN COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION 20 (XXXVI);

4. REQUESTS THE WORKING GROUP TO SUBMIT TO THE  
COMMISSION, AT ITS THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION, A REPORT ON ITS  
WORK TOGETHER WITH ITS CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS,  
AND TO BEAR IN MIND THE OBLIGATION TO DISCHARGE ITS MAN-  
DATE WITH DISCRETION, SO AS, INTER ALIA, TO PROTECT PER-  
SONS PROVIDING INFORMATION OR TO LIMIT THE DISSEMINATION  
OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENTS;

5. RENEWS ITS REQUEST TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO  
APPEAL TO ALL GOVERNMENTS TO CO-OPERATE IN A SPIRIT OF  
COMPLETE CONFIDENCE WITH THE WORKING GROUP;

6. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CON-  
TINUE TO PROVIDE THE WORKING GROUP WITH ALL NECESSARY  
ASSISTANCE, IN PARTICULAR THE STAFF AND RESOURCES IT  
REQUIRES TO PERFORM ITS FUNCTIONS IN AN EFFECTIVE AND  
EXPEDITIOUS MANNER, AND IF NECESSARY TO MAKE THE NECES-  
SARY ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE  
SECRETARIAT'S WORK;

7. REQUESTS THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF  
DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES TO CONTINUE  
STUDYING THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR ELIMINATING  
ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES OF PERSONS, WITH  
A VIEW TO MAKING GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION  
AT ITS THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION;

8. DECIDES TO CONSIDER THIS QUESTION AT ITS THIRTY-  
EIGHTH SESSION UNDER A SUB-ITEM OF THE AGENDA ENTITLED  
"QUESTION OF MISSING AND DISAPPEARED PERSONS".  
END TEXT. HELMAN

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